GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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OIL SPILLS POLLUTING COASTLINE
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the oil spills from ships and tankers operating along the coastline are a regular occurrence and wrecking immense havoc; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save the environment from destruction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)
(a) No, Sir. However, Coast Guard have undertaken oil spill response action at MulDwarka during 1999 in respect of fuel oil spillage from a ship called MV Pacific Acadian.
(b) A National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan to mitigate fall-outs from oil spill disaster has been prepared by the Coast Guard. In addition, Oil Industry Safety Directorate has set up oil spill response centres at Haldia, Kakinada, Chennai, Vadinar, Mumbai and Mangalore to enhance preparedness and response for any marine oil spill. The State Pollution Control Boardsalso undertake regular monitoring of water quality along the coastline.